## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.    **(Currently Amended)** A method for reporting an alert condition, comprising:

defining alert filter criteria;

identifying an alert condition;

analyzing ~~one or more properties of~~ the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the ~~alert filter criteria~~ **analysis comprises:** ~~comprise:~~

**determining** an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and

**determining** a severity level associated with the alert condition;

determining whether to report the alert condition ~~, the determination~~ based at least in part on the **urgency level and the severity level** ~~analysis of the one or more properties of the alert condition~~; and

selectively reporting the alert condition.

2.    **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein:

the alert condition is associated with an object; ~~and~~

the ~~alert filter criteria~~ **analysis** further comprises **determining** an importance level associated with the object**; and**

**the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the importance level**.

3.    **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition comprises identifying a potential alert condition.

4.    **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein**:**

the ~~alert filter criteria~~ **analysis** further comprises **determining** a level of risk associated with **the** ~~a potential~~ alert condition**; and**

**the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the level of risk**.

5.    **(Original)** The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing a property representing an interest group associated with the alert condition.

6.    **(Original)** The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing a property representing a business process associated with the alert condition.

7.    **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition comprises:

identifying a first object representing a first system component associated with the alert condition;

identifying a second object representing a second system component having a dependency relationship to the first system component; and

propagating a property of the second object to the first object.

8.    **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition comprises:

identifying a first object representing a first system component associated with the alert condition;

identifying a second object representing a second system component having a containment relationship to the first system component; and

propagating a property of the first object to the second object.

9.    **(Previously Presented)** A system for reporting an alert condition, comprising:

a filter criteria maintenance module for maintaining alert filter criteria;

an alert condition detector for identifying a plurality of alert conditions;

an alert condition filter for filtering at least one identified alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:

> an urgency level associated with an alert condition; and

> a severity level associated with an alert condition;

> and

an alert notification module for selectively reporting at least one identified alert condition.

10.    **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein:

at least one of the identified alert conditions is associated with an object; and

the alert filter criteria further comprises an importance level associated with the object.

11.    **(Original)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert detector identifies a potential alert condition.

12.    **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert filter criteria further comprises a level of risk associated with a potential alert condition.

13.    **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter analyzes a property representing an interest group associated with an alert condition.

14.    **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter analyzes a property representing a business process associated with an alert condition.

15.    **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter comprises property propagation logic for propagating a property of a first object to a property of a second object based on a dependency relationship between the first and second objects.

16.     **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter comprises property propagation logic for propagating a property of a first object to a property of a second object based on a containment relationship between the first and second objects.

17.    **(Previously Presented)** A system for reporting an alert condition, comprising:

means for maintaining alert filter criteria;

means for identifying a plurality of alert conditions;

means for filtering at least one identified alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:

an urgency level associated with an alert condition; and

a severity level associated with an alert condition;

and

means for selectively reporting at least one identified alert condition.

18.    **(Previously Presented)** Logic embodied in a computer readable medium, the logic operable, when executed, to:

define alert filter criteria;

identify an alert condition;

analyze one or more properties of the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:

an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and

a severity level associated with the alert condition;

determine whether to report the alert condition, the determination based at least in part on the analysis of the one or more properties of the alert condition; and

selectively report the alert condition.

19.    (New) A method for reporting an alert condition, comprising:

defining alert filter criteria;

identifying an alert condition;

analyzing the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the analysis comprises:

    determining an importance level corresponding to an object associated with the alert condition; and

    determining a severity level associated with the alert condition;

determining whether to report the alert condition based at least in part on the importance level and the severity level; and

    selectively reporting the alert condition.

20.    (New) The method of Claim 19, wherein:

the analysis further comprises determining an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and

the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the urgency level.

21.    (New) The method of claim 19, wherein:

the analysis further comprises determining a level of risk associated with the alert condition; and

the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the level of risk.